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Two LSUS students chosen to audition for MTV shows

BY N.J. McMICHAEL

Two LSUS students, Bo Wellborn and Jessica Flores, were chosen Thursday, Sept. 25, by MTV scouts to go to New York City for a series of auditions. The scouts conducted a talent search at Banana Joe's to find fresh talent. Brandy Burnom, a waitress at Banana Joe's, was also chosen to be included.

The three selected will be trying out for such things as the MTV reality shows, "The Real World" and "Road Rules," as well as possible VJ (on-air personality) positions and filling spots on MTV's not yet released channel LUST. MTV is also recruiting for people to take over the scouting duties. They will be sent all over the country and

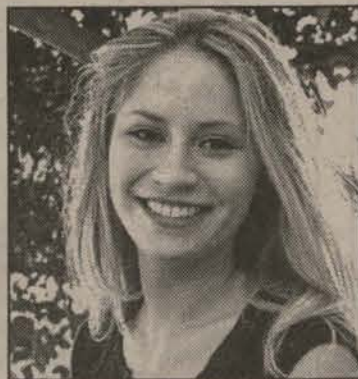
hold events like the one on Thursday to help MTV find new talent.

All of the contestants were photographed and then were interviewed by a scouting agent. They were asked questions about their backgrounds, family, friends and experiences. The winners were announced around 3 a.m. Friday morning.

Wellborn did not stick around for the announcement. "I had class at 8 a.m., and I didn't think I would get it anyway. I didn't find out until 3 p.m. on Friday."

Wellborn, a senior PR major, was a runner-up for "The Real World: Paris," only missing out by two people, and is sending a videotaped audition to try out for this season's show.

"Hopefully this will up my

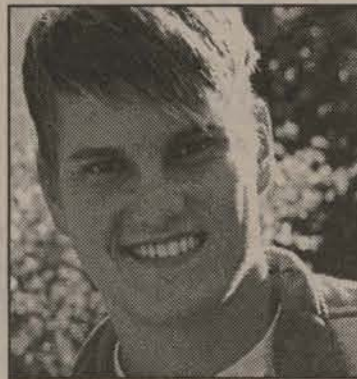


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Jessica Flores was chosen to audition for MTV

chances of making it this time. I really only want to do it for the money. The experience would be great too, but I'm in it for the bucks," states Wellborn.

He will be taking the trip to New York City the weekend af-



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Bo Wellborn will travel to NYC for closed auditions.

ter Thanksgiving. The trip is all expenses paid. While there, he will attend eight closed auditions.

"I imagine that there will be quite a few people to compete with," said Flores.

"I am very excited. This is a step in the right direction. I plan on being famous one day anyway; they are just making it a little easier for me. Even if I don't get on a show, this will still be good references to give," said Wellborn.

Flores, a sophomore Computer Science major, has always been a fan of MTV. She frequently watches "The Real World" and "Road Rules" and can't wait for the auditions to start.

"I thought it went well, but I wasn't expecting anything. I even went home to watch a movie, and then went back up there because my friend called," said Flores.

Flores has expressed more interest in VJ positions, but also wouldn't mind doing "The Real World."

Kickboxing offered in HPE

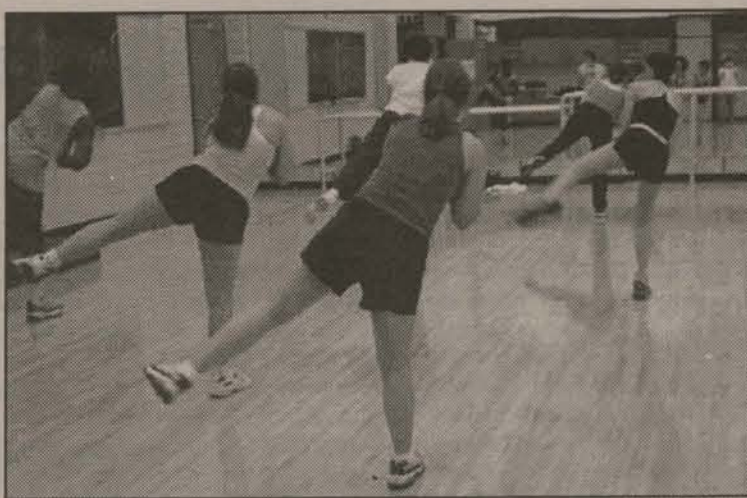
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LSUS now offers Cardio-Kickboxing and Water Aerobics classes free to students. The classes are on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 3:30 in the HPE building.

There was a kickboxing class scheduled for Tuesday mornings, but it has now been changed, and kickboxing is only offered on Tuesdays in the afternoon.

Kickboxing instructor, Christin Driskell, said, "Aerobics should be fun. It's not challenging as long as you keep it interesting and keep a variety in your workouts. That's what I try to bring to my workouts." Driskell is the kickboxing teacher only on Thursday afternoons.

Driskell, a former LSUS student, has been teaching aerobics for three years. She uses it as a steady job while she is in nursing school. She said, "It helps keep



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me in shape."

The kickboxing workouts vary; however, they usually consist of 45 minutes of cardiovascular work, and the last 15 minutes are devoted to an abdominal workout.

On Tuesdays, for the more advanced kickboxing, props are incorporated into the workout. Some of the props used are punching bags, jump ropes, free

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MARTHA DURHAM

The OSA and Rec Sports sponsored an intramural sand volleyball tournament on Saturday, Sept. 27. A barbecue was held for spectators. The OSA plans on holding future events similar to this one.

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From the Editor

Saturday is Election Day, and unless you've been living in a hole for the past few months, I'm sure the countless number of commercials, phone calls and visits from local politicians have bombarded you. The candidates have presented their positions to you; now you must make your decision on whether to get out and vote, and possibly make a difference or not vote and reaffirm the stereotype that college kids are nothing but drunks who don't care about anything but beer and sex.

Although voting isn't always regarded as the most exciting perk of being of legal age, it should definitely rank somewhere up there. People who aren't even registered to vote seriously disturb me. Come on, people, we fought wars over the right to vote!! Do something with yourself. Take advantage of the privileges American citizens had to fight to get.

I was only 17 when I was a freshman in college, and I remember literally almost crying because I wasn't old enough to vote in the Presidential election of 2000. I was so mad that the race was so close and I couldn't get

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Corrections

Retired biology professor, Richard K. Spears clarified that the SAB camping trip took place in the Ouachita mountains instead of the Ozarks, as stated.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I look at people around me who are in relationships. I see most of these relationships crumble. My friends are constantly either on and off with one person, or constantly starting new relationships with new people. I think some of them change their boyfriend or girlfriend more often than they change their underwear.

As pathetic as this sounds, I have only had two boyfriends in my life, unless you count those few little puppy love elementary school "boyfriends." However, most of my friends have had tons of boyfriends or girlfriends and they are constantly coming to me for advice.

Anyway, I just want to know- what exactly is love? Is it just a chemical reaction, driving us to reproduce for the survival of the species? Or is there more to it? In any event, how do you know if you are indeed in love? Let's face it; love and lust are different but easily confused. Is love when you would want to be with someone even if sex was out of the question? Or would it only be that way until some really sexy person came along?

Is "true love" real? I seriously doubt it. I have seen all of my friends claim to be in love at one point with almost everyone they have dated. They all seem to fall in love within two or

three weeks, if even that long, of dating the person. Is it really possible to fall in love that fast? It seems very dangerous to me. Love tends to blind you. I do not like to be blinded. I like to think clearly and analyze something before I dive in. Love does not seem to work that way, though does it? That is why I am scared to death of it.

I have learned one thing- your heart and your brain are two totally different organs and they rarely agree. While your heart is saying "Oh I'm so in love" your brain is saying "You idiot, you don't know anything about love!" At least that is how it works with me. Does anyone else go through that? Or am I just a freak?

Also, I am one of those old-fashioned romantic types. My dream guy is one who is an old-fashioned gentleman, who opens doors, pulls out chairs and does those kinds of things. I consider myself a lady, and I expect to be treated like one. Also, I want a guy who is truly faithful, and I seriously wonder if there are any. No, guys I am not just attacking you, many girls are unfaithful too. I am just speaking from my point of view. I have seen relationship after relationship fall apart and most of the time it was because the guy was cheating. It is understandable then why I do not trust guys very much at all.

I also have a problem with pride. I am a Leo, and pride tends to be our weakness. I look around and see these shamelessly flirtatious girls hanging all over guys and it disgusts me. I honestly do not feel comfortable with flirting. For one thing, I want to know someone at least a little before I even think about flirting. If he is not someone I would want as a friend, then I definitely do not want him as a boyfriend.

Maybe I need to open myself up a little more. At the rate I'm going, my love life will probably never make progress. I do not want to be alone, but I am scared of trusting anyone. You see, I have seen my friends go through heartbreak after heartbreak and although I've been through that only once, I do not want to go through it again. It seems to be a never-ending cycle with my friends, and I do not want to be caught in that. It seems almost pointless. Why bother to fall in love if you are just going to end up heartbroken in the end? Is it really worth it? Again, how do you know whether you will end up heartbroken? You don't. It is all a game of chance gambling away the heart.

A game of chance. Is that all love is?

- Victoria Porter

Sex and the Campus

Is sex worth being stoned?

BY BO WELLBORN

OPINION

In the Christian era, we stoned people. In the story "The Lottery" we stoned people. But in modern day, do we still stone people? In Nigeria, Amina Lawal will be buried in sand up to her neck and stoned for having a baby out of wedlock. Is that fair? Talk about crowd control in America. If we had such strict laws like that, there would be no life as we know it. Should someone intervene? She knew the law of the land and chose to disobey, so should she be stoned, killed, murdered? Should

her children grow up without a mother? When is enough, enough? At what point do we say that cultures go too far? In America breast augmentation, abortion and circumcision are all commonplace, yet in more reserved customs, they are repulsive, degrading and demoralizing. Yet, do we murder people for expressing lust, sex, etc.? The president of Nigeria stated that he under no circumstance would allow this conviction to be pardoned. Should we be stoned because of our "scarlet letters?"

In a couple of months, the Hester Prynne of Nigeria will be stoned. So what should we do?

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Speaker shares pain of a DUI

BY BO WELLBORN

Mark Stern shared his heartbreaking story of how he killed his three best friends in a 1998 car crash in Fort Myers, Fla., with LSUS students last Thursday.

Over 40 people showed up for the program, in which Stern walked onstage in an orange Florida prison uniform, identical to the one he wore for three years when he was convicted on three counts of DUI (driving under the influence) manslaughter. Although he was sentenced to a term of up to 45 years in prison, Stern was released after only three years and must remain on probation until 2010.

Stern, a former student at the University of Rhode Island, was three months shy of graduating when he and four of his closest friends decided to fly from Providence to Ft. Myers Beach, Fla., for a one-week stay for spring break. During the week, all of his friends agreed to stay sober one night each to drive the others around. But on the last night, everyone had had a turn being sober, so the friends made a pact with each other that the least drunk of the group would drive the 15-mile stretch back to the condo. With two miles to go, the car spun out of control, hit a tree and instantly killed two of his friends; the other friend died shortly after.

"I had a lot to drink, but I was by far the least drunk of the group, yet I was still too drunk to drive," he said. Stern's blood alcohol level was 1.7 — double the Florida standard for a DUI. The other passengers in the accident all had blood alcohol levels of 2.2 and above.

The theater was quiet when Stern started to talk about his best friends — Aaron, 22; Pete,

22; and Jim, 23 — who were killed in the accident. "We were fraternity brothers, nothing was to come between us," he said. "I would never hurt them. I would never kill them."

After the accident, Stern was in a coma for two weeks. "My parents got a phone call at 3:30 in the morning from a trauma nurse telling them that if they wanted to see their son alive, they had better find a quick flight to Florida," said Stern.

Stern's parents stayed in Florida the whole time he was in the hospital. When he woke up, he did not know what happened, where he was, or why he was in a hospital. His parents were relieved, but the feeling was short lived. The next day, before visiting their son in the hospital, Stern's mother went outside to get the paper from her hotel room. When she opened the paper, she saw her son's graduation picture with a headline reading: "Spring breaker charged with manslaughter in the death of three."

"My mother was horrified. She did not know what to do. She thought this nightmare was over, but it had only just begun," said Stern.

On the day of his arraignment, nine months after the accident, Stern faced his deepest fear — talking to the three sets of parents whose sons he killed. "You killed our only child, we will never be able to know what it is like to have grandchildren, we will be alone forever, and you cannot take that back. You will always have to live knowing you killed our baby," Aaron's mother told Stern.

After three years of imprisonment, Stern was released and placed on unsupervised probation until the year 2010. The judge told Stern that if he got

into the slightest of trouble before then, he would be sent back to prison to serve the full 45 year term. "I was in prison with rapists, child molesters, and murderers," said Stern.

To cope with the deaths of his friends, Stern now travels the nation talking to college students about the effects of drinking and driving. "The only way to find peace about this whole ordeal is to make sure it never happens again," he said.

Lisa Milholen, a junior elementary education major, said she thought the program was very informative and eye opening. "He brought to life the reality and hazards of drinking," she said.

Stern concluded his presentation by saying, "Maybe you are smarter than we were or maybe you're not, but is it worth taking the chance of killing three of closest people in your life?"

KICKBOXING

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weights and bouncy balls.

On Thursday, Sept. 25, there were nine students who attended the kickboxing class, eight female, and one male.

The cardiovascular workout consisted of a series of punching, kicking, jumping and a series/combination of those moves. They were simple enough for a beginner, but a more advanced student could give more to the workout to make it more advanced.

Megan Richardson, a business major, has attended the kickboxing class every time since it started being offered. She warns, "Get ready for a workout. It wasn't what I expected—I expected more punching bags and stuff, but there's a whole lot of cardio."



The cardio-kickboxing class works on a series of movements combining various kicks and punches.

Bookstore plans move

BY CHAD WHITE

The LSUS bookstore has been located in the same place in the University Center for over 20 years and is planning a move to the first floor of the Old Library building. The new campus-wide computer lab is located on the second floor of the same building, and is operational and already in use. The bookstore has not been able to move into the building because of delays in specifications of the design.

The bids on the project are due back in the next few weeks, and the bookstore hopes to start moving fixtures into the building in November and be ready to open for business by the spring semester.

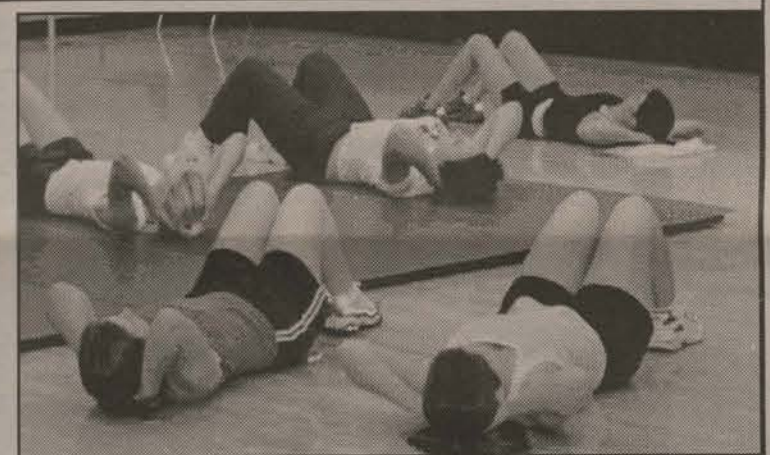
The decision to move was made by the LSUS administration, because more space was needed. They hope to be able to serve the LSUS students better with the updated, larger facility.

Angela McNicoll, director of auxiliary enterprises at the bookstore, said the bigger and better bookstore should receive a positive response from the school.

A new feature of the new bookstore will be a photocopy center. The new bookstore will also open under a new point of sale cash register system that will aid in faster service to the students. Since its new location is downstairs from the computer lab, the bookstore will carry more computer supplies.

The new bookstore will also carry some other new items, such as gift items and clothing. The staff is also planning to carry more art supplies for the LSUS art students and expand their reference section. They have also discussed adding a magazine section.

The hours of the new bookstore will be 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Monday and 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday - Friday.



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The last 15 minutes of the kickboxing class was devoted to abdominal workout.

Candice Amison, a computer science major, has missed only one kickboxing class since the classes began and says, "It's constant movement the entire hour."

You get 30-second breaks for water and stuff, but you have to keep moving. But, it's really fun."

There were five first-time students to the kickboxing class on Thursday. The general consensus as the students left the class was that it was very enjoyable and a good workout at the same time.

Ally Thomason and Heather Pollard, both psychology majors, said, "I really enjoyed the class. I feel like I worked hard, but it didn't seem like an hour."

In the HPE building on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 3:30 p.m., LSUS offers Kickboxing and Water Aerobics. There is no charge for students to attend.

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SPORTS

Pom Squad to hold more tryouts

BY JENNIFER GANEY

There is still time to join the Pom Squad dance team. Additional tryouts will be held for the students who missed the tryouts or who would like to re-tryout. There are seven or eight spots still open for the dance team.

The format of the tryouts is the same as they were for the previous tryouts: three dances of a minute each. There will be three judges, all of which are former dancers and dance instructors. Each dance will test the student's skills in turns, leaps and studio combinations. The dance clinic will be Oct. 9 and 10, and tryouts are Oct. 11. A fee is still required for tryouts to fund the judges and the squad itself. The fee is \$10, and tryouts are open to the public for \$2 a ticket.

Many of the students who signed up for the first tryouts did not actually try out. O.L. Kelly, the Pom Squad instructor, said he was disappointed in the turnout. "Some of the students would rather commit with their

mouth than with their actions," he said.

Kelly said he was dissatisfied because he would like for everyone passionate about dance to try out, and he wants the dance team to be a good ratio of students. Kelly said, however, that he was very pleased with the turnout of the tryouts. The students who did try out were very impressive dancers, he said.

The dance team is very dedicated and practices on an average of six hours a week. Dancing is not all the dancers do, though. Weight lifting, running, conditioning and working out is all on the agenda for the team. Practices are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5 - 7 p.m. The seven women on the squad are already working hard to learn dances.

The team is not only for women, however. Kelly encourages men to try out because he is very passionate about dance and would like to see LSUS represented equally. No formal experience is needed, but only

excellent dancers will be chosen to represent the university. Kelly encourages anyone who would like a spot in the squad to try out. Kelly said he believes that having a dance team on campus will boost school spirit and that having the excellent dancers on the team would give an extra reason for a potential student to come to LSUS.

The dance team is self-funded and has many fresh ideas for upcoming fundraisers. McAllister's Deli has donated money and refreshments to help with the tryout process, and the squad is selling cheer sticks to help raise money. Kelly plans to hold several dance clinics at LSUS to increase the dance budget. In addition, the squad has plans to have on-campus tailgate parties.

The Pom Squad welcomes anyone and everyone to try out for the team. Kelly plans to build scholarships for squad members as well as incoming students. By starting the Pom Squad, Kelly hopes to draw in new students to LSUS.

Delta Sigma Theta helps less fortunate

BY KIMBERLY CHESTER

The LSUS chapter of Delta Sigma Theta has been busy raising money for several local and national organizations, as well as getting LSUS students registered to vote.

The Delta Sigma Theta sorority was chartered on the LSUS campus in 1980, and the sorority remained active until 1993. That year, the sorority became dormant, meaning that there were no Deltas on campus.

In the spring of 2002, however, the Deltas expanded and returned to the LSUS campus.

"Currently, there are 14 Deltas on campus," said Tiffany Johnson, Delta Sigma Theta President.

The Deltas are a community service based group. The money that the Deltas raise in different fundraising efforts throughout the year is used to provide scholarships to elementary, middle and high school students.

"The first week of school, the Deltas had a voter registration booth in the University Center," said Johnson. "It was a big success. We registered around 50 to 60 students to vote in the upcoming state elections."

Two weeks ago, Delta Sigma Theta teamed up with the Black Students Order for the Sickle Cell Can Shake. Both groups stood on the corner of North Market Street and North Hearne Avenue

from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and shook cans to raise money for the National Sickle Cell Foundation. The Can Shake raised \$1,000 for Sickle Cell research.

The Deltas also host "Crimson and Crème Cafe" which is held on the first Thursday of each month in The Port. "Crimson and Crème Cafe" is an open mic night of jazz and poetry and a place where students can come and display their talents. "We have had a very positive response from everyone," said Johnson. "I am glad that students have a place where they can come and show off their skills and talents."

"Crimson and Crème Cafe" serves free food and non-alcoholic drinks for all who attend. The money that is raised goes to the Deltas

scholarship fund.

Delta Sigma Theta also began another community involvement activity called School America. This program allows the Deltas to adopt a class for a year and provide them with school supplies and learning material throughout the school year. "This is a great new program that we have," said Johnson. "This year we adopted a first grade class from Lakeshore Elementary."

This year's officers of Delta Sigma Theta are Tiffany Johnson, president; Janette Coleman, vice president; Nicole Howard, secretary; Delira Robbins, treasurer; Latoya Larry, chaplain; Alexandra Watson, sergeant-of-arms; and Jericka Patterson, parliamentarian.



Course teaches motorcycle safety

BY NEIL CASSARD

Fourteen students learned basic motorcycle skills and safety in a beginning motorcycling course on campus last weekend.

This was the first of three such classes that the Division of Continuing Education and Public Service will be offering this year. The course is open to anyone interested in becoming a motorcyclist, or who is already a motorcyclist and wants to get formal training.

The class has been taught by Keith Green for the past five years. Green has been riding for about 15 years and is certified by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation. The course is designed to teach future motorcyclists basic skills and a better road sense. Completion of the course will also entitle a motorcyclist to a 10 percent insurance discount.

"The reason why people ride motorcycles has to be love of the sport, has to be a sense of adventure, and has to be a challenge," Green said. He also said that people ride motorcycles because of personal desire. Riding a motorcycle is also more dangerous than driving a car. Since only about two percent of commuters drive a motorcycle, riding a cycle gives bikers a sense of camaraderie.

No previous motorcycling experience is needed to take the course; however, a helmet, protective clothing and the \$150 class fee is required. Green's description of protective clothing is "No skin below the chin." That means a long shirt or jacket, full fingered gloves, long pants and boots.

The course starts with classroom instruction on basic motorcycling, followed by a few hours of practice on seven mo-

torcycles provided by G&C Honda. The students then return to the classroom to hear about more advanced motorcycling skills. The second day of the course is out on the bikes all day, where students practice the techniques that they learned in the classroom the previous day.

The 14 students who attended the first session of the course came from all walks of life. Their ages ranged from early twenties to retirement. Hal Rodgers said he has wanted to get back into motorcycling since he retired. He said the last time he rode a motorcycle was in college and that he was there to "see if I can learn something I don't know."

Sue Trevino, an intelligence officer at Barksdale Airforce Base, said that she had never been on a bike before, and that she wanted to learn how to ride one right the first time. She said that she wanted to ride a bike for the freedom it offers.

Amanda Eddy, who works in the accounting department at Elkins Nissan, said she was taking the course because her husband owns a motorcycle, and she doesn't want to ride on the back. Eddy is planning on getting her own motorcycle after she completes the class.

If interested in taking a course on beginning motorcycling, or to find out more about the other programs offered by Continuing Education, call the LSUS Division of Continuing Education at 798-4177 or 1-800-290-2378.

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out there and vote for who I thought should run our country for the next four years. The worst part was seeing some of my best friends, who were all 18 and couldn't care less about politics, either not vote at all, or vote for who their parents told them to vote for. I sat in front of the TV all night, watching the ticker at the bottom of the screen flash the results from each state's polls. I was so nervous I couldn't sleep.

Okay, so maybe crying because Gore lost was a little dorky of me, but I think it was dumb that people voted for a certain candidate because their parents told them to. It is very important to get out and vote, but it is just as important to make an informed, educated, independent decision about which candidate you vote for. Don't always believe the facts on campaign commercials; find them out for yourself. Do some research! I know, research makes you feel like you are doing homework. But actually, in a sense you should be. The people being elected to these positions actually do affect you and the laws that are being changed, created and done away with. It should make you nervous if you go into the elections blindly, without knowing the facts. It's your responsibility to know them.

If you still have not decided on which candidate you will vote for yet, please visit the Council for A Better Louisiana's Web site at <http://www.CABL.org>. They have an extremely informative site that lists the candidates running in each district and questions and answers from each candidate about how they'll handle certain issues. It also has issue briefings, information on live debates, resumes for gubernatorial and statewide office candidates and facts and statistics about Louisiana and its voters.

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Fall Break gives students a chance to travel, sleep

BY DANA BRIAN

Students needing a break from school do not have to wait much longer. Fall break, a two-day vacation from classes, will be held Oct. 9 - 10. Fall break gives many students an opportunity to make travel plans, relax or catch up on homework.

Many students plan to spend their fall break recuperating from the several weeks of school that have quickly passed by. Tara Stephenson, a freshman psychology major, says she plans to spend her fall break resting and enjoying the break from school.

Ryan Ware, a senior business administration major, also said he is looking forward to fall break in order to catch up on sleep.

New Orleans also seems to be a popular getaway for many LSUS students. Qanta Hayes, a sophomore biological science major, said she plans to visit the "Big Easy" during her fall break. "We're going down to visit a bunch of friends at Dillard University," Hayes said.

Ashley Wood, a second year liberal arts major, is also excited about her fall break trip to New Orleans. "It's going to be fabulous," she said. "I'm going to see Ani DiFranco in concert, then going to eat at one of Emeril La-

gasse's restaurants.

Although many students have plans to either rest or travel, many other students will spend the fall break working at their jobs. Ashley Stanley, a freshman pre-physical therapy major, plans to stay in town during fall break because she has to work.

Oria Buckingham, a freshman biology major, will also be at her job during fall break. "I don't really have any plans. I'll probably just spend it working," she said.

For students who have not made any fall break plans and are looking for something to do, the SGA is sponsoring a volunteer day on Oct. 11. This volunteer day is one of three scheduled for the semester. Students involved in the Student Success Series who participate in the volunteer day can earn two points towards their semester point total.

For more information about registering for the volunteer days, students can contact the Student Activities Office, room 232 in the University Center or by phone at 797-5393.

Although fall break gives students a break from classes, all university offices will be open during the break for those who need to conduct business during this time.

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Disney recruiters search for interns on campus

BY NISREEN N. HAJAJ

Disney recruiters are coming to the LSUS campus to give students the opportunity to participate in the Walt Disney World College Program.

The event will take place at the University Center Theatre on Oct. 7 at 6 p.m. where a Disney recruiter will be giving a presentation about the program, conducting interviews and taking sign ups. This program offers students

many opportunities such as meeting students from all over the world, getting paid internships, taking college courses or earning college credit for the internship they get. Disney also offers several courses that the program participants can take, ranging from communications to human resource management. LSUS participants can get credit for University 200 or 3 hours of internship credit for the College of Business. Interns are paid and guaranteed to work 30 hours a week, along with all the free tickets to the park and merchandise discounts.

Nicole Adams, a senior management major, is a campus representative of the Walt Disney College Program in the

Shreveport area, along with four other LSUS students from various majors who participated in the program. Adams said she wants students to participate in the program because she loved it so much.

The Disney Program is in Orlando, Fla., and requires the intern to work approximately from six to eight

months. There are a variety of jobs available to students, ranging from being a lifeguard to being a

performer.

"The best thing about this internship is that you meet people from all over the world," said Adams. "I even met my best friend there!"

Adams, who worked as a parade performer, said, the program gave

her experience in communication and problem solving skills.

The requirements for the program are that participants must be currently enrolled in a college or university and have completed one full semester by the time they join the program. A student must also have a GPA of 2.0 or above.

All majors are welcome to apply. The application can be accessed online at <http://www.wdwcollegeprogram.com> and clicking "apply now."

Debate team takes first place

BY J WILLOUGHBY

The LSUS debate team had its first regular tournament of the 2003-2004 school year on Saturday, at Ouchita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, Ark. The tournament was an important one for all of the schools involved, though it had more significance for the LSUS team. As last year's IPDA national champions (International Public Debate Association), LSUS had to live up to certain expectations of excellence. And live up to them they did.

The LSUS team snagged three trophies. Team captain A.J. Edwards took second place in the open division, team member Ebony Holliday took second place in the novice division and the team took first place in sweepstakes. The sweepstakes win is a good indicator of both the

skill and unity of the team, as it is based on the total number of points acquired by team members. Showing skill and unity are especially significant to the returning champions, as this season's team is comprised largely of first-time debaters.

Edwards said, "Winning first place sweepstakes at this tournament is a great start, because it sets a standard for the rest of the year."

"Our good performance is a reflection of the hard work that has already been done by the team," said Coach Mary "Jor Jarzabek. "We've been working (over the summer) on debate-theory seminars and research workshops. I look for good things the rest of the year."

The debate team's next tournament will be Oct. 10-12 at the University of Arkansas Monticello.

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BCM launches evangelism campaign

BY MARTHA DURHAM

This semester the Baptist Collegiate Ministry has put a strong emphasis on campus evangelism and outreach.

Every Tuesday and some Thursdays, the BCM sets up a prayer table in the UC during Common Hour. This is just a part of their increased evangelistic efforts on campus.

Members take tracts and go talk to students about Christ. They meet students both inside and outside of the UC and tell them about Jesus.

"Which religion saves? None! Jesus saves," is printed on one of the brightly colored tracts that members of the BCM have been handing out to students.

Jason Ascol, a senior business major and evangelism ministry leader, said their goal is to speak with students about their relationship with Christ. A student's relationship with Jesus Christ is more important than their involvement in the BCM, Ascol said.

Other members of the BCM stand around the prayer table in order to speak with students who come to leave prayer requests in a box made specifically for that purpose. They also have Bibles for students who wish to take one.

Hannah Nicholls, a pre-nursing major, said that

while they have received mixed reactions from the students, the prayer request box seems to have gone over well. She said students seem more open to speaking with members of the BCM after they put their prayer requests in the box.

Nicholls said she and other members ask students if there is anything in their lives they want to talk about or want the members of the BCM to pray about. This makes the students feel more comfortable talking with them, she said.

Ascol said the members have had no hostile reactions from students, just "more of a shock reaction: Did he just say what I think he did? Did he just ask me about Christ?"

There have been two main responses from students when they speak to members of the BCM, Ascol said. The first is when students say they go to church or simply don't wish to speak with someone about their spirituality at that time.

The second response is one where students are open to speaking with the BCM members. Some students are simply interested in learning more about Christ. Sometimes members find students who have a belief in Christ that they wouldn't have otherwise had fellowship with, said Ascol.

The BCM plans to continue this ministry throughout the semester in order to share the gospel with the students of LSUS.

Professionalism class to be offered

BY MELISSA INGRAM

Are you graduating soon? Are you worried about being prepared for the real business world? There is a class being designed specifically for graduating seniors. This class will focus on the professionalism of business in the "real world." The course will be limited to 20 students. The pre-requisites for the class are Communications 135, Communications 355 and a target graduation date within two semesters. The class will be offered for the first time in spring 2004 on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11:15 a.m.

Dr. Charlene Hanford-Barlow of the Communications Department is designing the class and will name it Professionalism, Communications 490. She is teaching this class for students preparing to enter the business world. There is no textbook required for the class, the material will come straight from Barlow's lectures and guest speakers.

Since the course is focused on professionalism, the topics that will be covered deal with different ways that professionalism is a part of everyday business. The topics in professionalism that will be covered are as follows: in the workplace, in conversation, while dining out and during business travel and conventions. Within each of these main categories there are specific subjects such as daily activity, listening, basic table manners and air travel.

There will be three formal exams and two business lunches that will count as tests as well. There are two specific restaurants that Barlow has chosen for students to learn the correct etiquette. One is the Glenwood Tea Room, and the second luncheon location has not yet been chosen. According to Barlow, the only way to fail these tests is "if you don't come or start throwing food at each other."

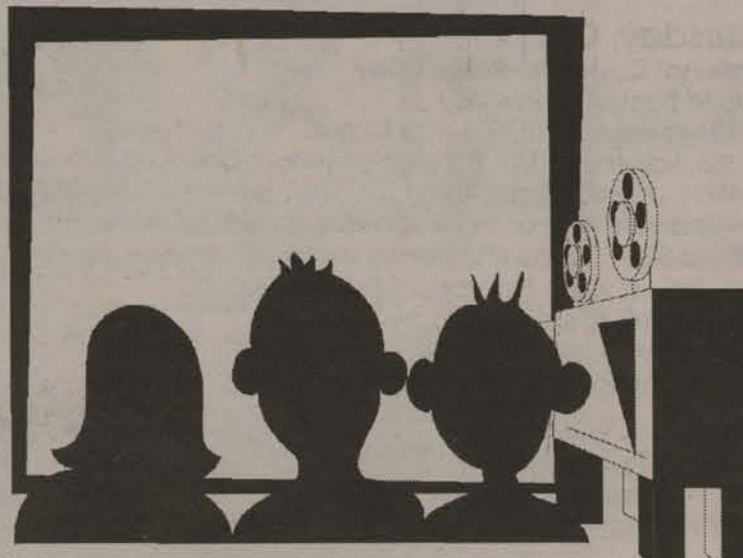
The reason Barlow created this class was to fulfill some of

the complaints she has heard in the community. She has been to local restaurants and read in the newspaper, and even experienced first hand instances of how students are not prepared for the "real world." She wants students to experience something that is normally only offered at private colleges or Ivy League schools.

Funding is another important factor in the preparation for this class. Barlow hopes that she can get support from respectable businesses, hospitals and people who are well established in the community. She is also trying to make sure there are enough students interested in the course and hopes fundraisers can cover the cost of the students' meals.

Anyone who feels the need for professional polishing before going out into the real world is encouraged to register for this course. For more information, contact Dr. Charlene Handford-Barlow at 797-5396 or chandfor@pilot.lsus.edu.

Jason's Flick Picks



BY JASON LIMERICK

to skip.

"Dreamcatcher"

★ ★ ☆ ☆ ☆

Have you ever noticed Steven King's split personality? He's got the great novelist who crafts timeless characters in stories like "Stand By Me," "The Shawshank Redemption" and "Misery" sharing a body with the hack who writes garbage like "Cat's Eye," "Sleepwalkers" and "Nightflier." I've never seen anything like it, but "Dreamcatcher" displays a little of both. Now, I probably shouldn't have reviewed a movie when I've read the book (which I have in this case), but I couldn't resist. I tried not to compare the two and take the movie for what it was. That being said, I first off have to give great credit to Lawrence Kasdan, the director of this film. The source material is a bit ridiculous and anyone else could have made a jumbled mess out of this, but Kasdan, in my opinion, did the best job that could have been done. The movie, starring Morgan Freeman, Thomas Jane, Jason Lee and Tom Sizemore, is stylish and well acted. The problem here comes in two parts. The first is that the story sucks. I'm sorry to say, but it's a cheesy mix of like a buddy movie, an action flick, an alien invasion flick, a heartwarming-overcoming-my physical handicap-flick and a supernatural thriller. You get a feeling that it's just all thrown together like a Frankenstein monster that's about to eat its creator. The second is it's confusing. They tried to fit as much of the book in as they can, and if you haven't read the book there'll be a lot of things that'll make you hit rewind to see if you missed something. If you take all that and add one of the worst endings in cinematic history, you get a movie that's easy

"Boat Trip"

I don't want to say that "Boat Trip" was bad, because I really like Cuba Gooding Jr. and Horatio Sans. They're some funny guys. However, "Boat Trip" is so spectacularly unfunny that it creates a black hole of antihumor, sucking all other funny things around it in and destroying them. Gooding stars as a heartbroken man who tries to get back in the swing of things by going on a cruise with his constantly horny pal, but OOPS they got on a gay cruise. To add a little more hilarity, Gooding falls in love with a woman who thinks he's gay. First, I have to say that I like offensive humor as long as it's well done or at least witty, but this was just really bad. The characters are cardboard stereotypes of the crazy party guy and the love sick romantic, and you never really start to care about them. The worst part is the way the movie handles homosexuality. The ship is full of stereotypical, effeminate, stylish, crazy, gay guys who all have a lisp and love Bette Midler. There's not one single normal gay man. You get the feeling as you're watching it that a couple of 17-year-old red-necks who have never even met a gay person wrote this movie. The only good points of it are a great performance by ex-Bond Roger Moore and by Roselyn Sanchez, who is grotesquely hot. They're the only reason it gets one star.

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Calendar of Events

Thursday, Oct. 2

National Custodial Workers Day

World Farm Animals Day

SGA meeting; 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

SSS 3rd year - GROUP 2 - Letters (Grad School Applications); 10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.

2nd year - Benefits of Involvement at LSUS; 10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.

SSS 1st year - Blackboard Demonstration; 10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.

FUPA; 9 a.m. - 10 a.m.

Cardio-Kickboxing; HPE, 3:30 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 3

Techies Day

SOC meetings; 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 4

National Toot Your Flute Day

Canoeing

Sunday, Oct. 5

World Smile Day

Zeta Tau Alpha; 4 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Phi Mu; 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Sigma Nu; 7 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 6

International Frugal Fun Day

Physicians Assistant Day

Tuesday, Oct. 7

Oct. 7 - 13 is Nat'l Get Organized Week

CAREER FAIR!!!!; 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

SSS 1st year - Impress your Professor;

10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 8

Loveable Lawyers Day

Zeta Tau Alpha Meeting; 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 9

Leif Erickson Day

Fall Break

Friday, Oct. 10

Bring Your Teddy Bear to Work Day

Fall Break

SSS 4th year - Investment Project deadline

Saturday, Oct. 11

National Coming Out Day

SGA Volunteer Day

Sunday, Oct. 12

National Gumbo Day

Delta Sigma Theta; 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Zeta Tau Alpha; 4 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Phi Mu; 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Sigma Nu; 7 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 13

Tuesday, Oct. 14

National Be Bald and Be Free Day

Region 7 High Schools that Work;

7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

SSS 4th - Graduation and Alumni Tips;

10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.

SSS 1st year - Writing Workshop "Editing:

Mechanics"; 10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.

SSS 1st year - Involvement = Success;

10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 15

National Poetry Day

SSS 2nd year - Healthy is as Healthy Does;

12 p.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Zeta Tau Alpha Meeting; 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 16

World Food Day

International Lincoln Center's Thomas

Jefferson Conference

7 a.m. - 10 p.m.

Video Game Tournament

Auditions for the LSUS Play Reading Series

will take place at 7:00 pm

**In Bronson Hall 310
Thursday, Oct. 2**

FLICK PICKS

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**Jason' off the scale, must see, all
time classics**

"The Big Lebowski"

I've probably seen this movie 300 times, and it just gets better every time. I think it may be the funniest movie ever made. Directed and written by Joel and Ethan Coen, this film stars Jeff Bridges, John Goodman, Steve Buscemi, Julianne Moore and John Turturro. I don't really know what else to say. The cast of characters are the most well defined, completely outrageous, over the top, blow your mind-funny group ever assembled in one flick. The plot is twisted in more ways than one, and it takes you on a freakishly compelling ride. It is one of the most satisfying movie experiences you can have. Be warned- it's not for the faint of heart. There is plenty of foul language, some sex and drug use, but I assure you- it's all necessary.